

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

KENT B.,

Plaintiff,

v.

5:20-CV-751
(DJS)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

APPEARANCES:

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DANIEL J. STEWART
United States Magistrate Judge

ORDER

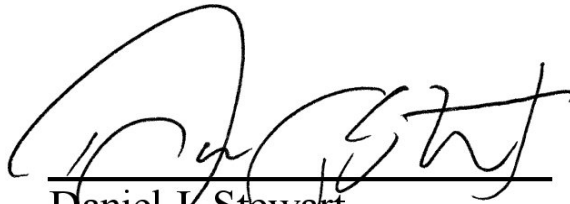
The Complaint in this action was filed on July 6, 2020. Dkt. No. 1. The parties stipulated for the matter to be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings pursuant to the fourth sentence of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. No. 18. The Court ordered the matter reversed and remanded, and judgment was entered in Plaintiff's favor. Dkt. Nos. 19 & 20. Plaintiff has now filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Dkt. No. 21. The Motion seeks that the fee award be paid directly

to counsel. *Id.* Defendant does not oppose the Motion, and has no objection to paying fees directly to counsel if at the time of the Order, Plaintiff does not owe a debt to the government that is subject to offset. Dkt. No. 23.

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff is awarded attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) (28 U.S.C. § 2412, *et seq.*) in the amount of \$3,987.65. It is further ordered that payment will be made directly to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the agreed upon assignment from Plaintiff. *See* Dkt. No. 21-4.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 23, 2021
Albany, New York



Daniel J. Stewart
U.S. Magistrate Judge